



# *The Tiger's Tale*

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Rev. Betty Furches

*Rev. Betty Furches has been the chaplain of Hiwassee and the pastor of Buckner Memorial United Methodist Church for the past three years. She has had a major impact on many a student's life, whether it be through her availability or her constant prayer for the students. She has done so much for the community and she has been an immense joy to have around campus.*

*God has called her to move on and she will be moving to Friendsville, TN to take over as pastor of an area church. We will miss you, and we wish you well on your way; may God bless you and keep you all the days of your life.*

***"God loves you and there ain't nothing you can do about it!"***

## TREEDC Visits Hiwassee College By: James Shaffer

I recently had the pleasure of attending the green switch bio-energy meeting that took place in the Rymer Center. I learned about all the newest innovations in the "going green" movement. It was really fascinating and extremely informative.

Upon my arrival I was invited to take part in the student action group, led by Timothy Watts. There I was introduced to Candice Graham, a graduate student from the University of Tennessee. She was a gold mine of information and provided many great ideas for the improvement of Hiwassee.

Among these ideas was a club for going green. The club would coincide with Making Orange Green, the program at UT. It would begin by implementing little things such as reminding people to turn the lights out when leaving rooms with the slogan "Switch your thinking."

The club could also hold contests. One such contest could be to see which floors of which dorms could recycle the most paper, plastic, and cans. The floors that recycle the most would get a prize and receive recognition for their success.

In the midst of all the brainstorming I learned about the Tennessee Renewable Energy & Economic Development Council. TREEDC. TREEDC is a state wide group of 70 mayors working hard to bring about the realization of green power sources.

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And the brainstorming session, we went out to listen to the speakers and their ideas. It was a very informative couple of hours and I learned a lot. I could talk about what each speaker said during their presentations, but I thought a more in-depth set of interviews would better suit this article.

My first interview was with Jenny Wright. She works with TVA in running the green power switch program. TVA is looking into getting more involved and creating more programs to spread the knowledge and awareness about alternative energy and wisely using the non-renewable ones.

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## Departure of Mrs. Betty By: Alli Miller

Hiwassee College has had a wonderful mentor the past three years. This woman of God met me at my freshman orientation three years ago. After speaking to her, right then and there, I knew that no matter what happened at Hiwassee College or in my own life, she would be here for me. After asking where I was from, she responded quickly with, "I know exactly where that is," and proceeded to speak to my father where the coordinates are from our house on the lake to the historic town where I grew up.

I have had a crazy three years in college; to softball flying up and down like a roller coaster, to kicking myself in the butt for procrastinating, to losing a lifelong friend to drunk driving, and to trying to find myself in the midst of everything chaotic. Not only have I suffered through some rough times, I have also had the privilege of sharing some amazing times with this woman.

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A big part of what Ms. Wright does is to reach out to organizations like TREEDC and find new ways to expand. Personally, she is learning all that she can from those more experienced in the alternative energy business, and will put all her new knowledge to work for TVA.

And what is the ultimate goal of Ms. Wright? In her own words she said- "I want to increase the demand by partnering with other organizations to raise the level for short and long term goals when it comes to all kinds of alternative energy." In doing this, TVA will be paving a new, cleaner path for all of us to take.

My second interview was with Warren P. Nevad. He is with the Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service and is also the founder and director of TREEDC. His part in the meeting was to draw all of the newest cutting edge programs together into one place.

The best way to put it is speed dating for industry. Everyone gets to give a quick 15 minute presentation and a chance for questions at the end. This format allows the sharpest minds of today to congregate and combine all the new propositions and ideas.

The short term goals of Mr. Nevad and TREEDC is to raise the number of cities and counties involved from 70 to over 100 by 2012. They are also looking to find 300 residential customers to sign up for the green power switch program.

Long term, UT is trying to link up with Dupont, Denisco, and Genera Energy to construct at least 10 bio-refineries across the state. All together they would generate 1 billion gallons of next generation cellulose ethanol.

*The only question is- Who among us will join it?*

The US government has set a mandate of 36 billion gallons to be produced by 2022. The other long term goal is to help communities become more self-sustainable. A big way TREEDC is doing that is by bringing in colleges and universities. Hiwassee is now officially part of TREEDC. The goal is to get the word out to inform all those ignorant of this movement.

In fact, Dr. Tricoli was especially praised by TREEDC for her recent steps in making Hiwassee a more self-sustainable campus. Due to her en-

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*TREEDC discussions were in motion before the conference even started. The two big hitters in this photograph are Harvey Aboueleta, who is to the far left, and our very own president, Robin Tricoli, who is to Aboueleta's left.*

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I have been nominated for many awards at Hiwassee, been able to get a jump start to my career at Hiwassee, have met some great friends, as well as met one special person that keeps me grounded. I mention all of these events in my own life because without the wonderful Betty Furches, I would have never known that everything happens for a reason. Some reasons are unknown, and some are harder to understand than others.

Betty has been an inspiration to so many lives that have walked on Hiwassee College's campus. She has been through it all the past three years and has stuck by us students every step of the way. I have nothing but love and wonderful gratitude for Betty, and I can only pray that she will be missing all of us as much as we all here at Hiwassee College will be missing her.

As I spoke to her yesterday about her new position in life, I started to tear up and she stopped me and said, "God takes care of those who are good." I simply smiled and remembered that I do have her number and can call her anytime I just want to talk.

I wish there was a way to thank Betty on national television for all of the lives she has touched, but I know this newspaper article will do for her. There is a song from Eric Church that is a wonderful tribute to her departure; "I wouldn't be who I am today, if not for those I've loved along the way."

Betty we all love you and always remember that you are welcome here at Hiwassee and your departure is a very sad one, but we know that we will be taken care of and so will you.

## Dogs In Your Room By: Will Horton

*The College reserves the right:*

- 1. To enter any room (by authorized personnel)*
- 2. To change or cancel room assignments in the interest of health or discipline*
- 3. To levy or collect fines*
- 4. To inspect or search student rooms and their contents for damage and noncompliance with College standards, policies, and the Honor Code.*

*This right is given to Resident Directors, campus security, and College officials. Advance notice of room entry will be given when the situation is appropriate; however, such notice is not required. Students residing in the room need not be present.*

*From the Hiwassee College  
Student Handbook 2011-2012 (p.14)*

This part of the Student Handbook is from the section titled "Student Conduct." It basically states Hiwassee holds the right to do whatever they want with your room even with all of your things in it. Hiwassee can search your room whenever they want, with whom ever they deem necessary, with or without your knowing or being there.

During this spring semester our Administration decided to exercise its rights to bring any authorized personnel into random rooms. One Monday morning there were three Monroe County Sheriff's Department cars outside the Barker Learning Center. Two of them had a K-9 mark on it.

These dogs were led around parts of the Barker Learning Center, Allison Hall, and Brock Hall. When in the dormitories the dogs were randomly assigned rooms to go into and see if anything was found. Nothing was found by the searches in these three buildings.

Hiwassee is a private Methodist college with a long history of promoting a Christian environment. This "Christian environment" can be thrown into question by what happened on this Monday. Are Christians supposed to be suspicious of each other?

There had been no major event or any violations that had recently happened that required drug dogs to be in the dorms. When brought in they did not find anything. Clearly no noncompliance with rules or honor code was taking place.



The University of Alabama (Birmingham) has drug dogs randomly go through their dorms too. However, they found meth in one of the dorms the year before. If something like this had happened at Hiwassee many more students would probably be ok with it.

For a small college with a small number of students that is proud of its amazing Christian environment, maybe we should focus a little more on trusting each other.

## Dr. Tricoli Shows Students' Voices Do Not Go Unheard

By: Loren Cherry

In my four years at Hiwassee I have never seen a President who reacted so quickly and efficiently to the voices of the students, and I would like to say thank you from all of the student body.

For a few years now we have wanted a pool; we wanted the ice cream machine fixed, and all athletes wanted a new gym floor. In a matter of one semester, Dr. Tricoli not only heard our pleas but also delivered.

It may be time for a few of us to leave Hiwassee but we do it knowing that the college and the friends we are forced to say good-bye to are better off and will be better with the presence of Dr. Tricoli.

## Editorial Policy

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thusiasm Mr. Nevad has promised his support of Hiwassee College and in helping the students in their future career options.

The third person I was introduced to was Kelly Tiller. She is both the president and CEO of Genera Energy. Genera is a biomass supply company that works with other bio-refiners to provide cellulose bio-fuels and other renewable energies.

Ms. Tiller was the keynote lunch speaker of the day and spoke mainly of UT's bio-initiative movement and the key points for using switch grass. Now, for those that don't know, switch grass is a major component of biofuel, which is anything green used to make renewable energy.

Genera, after the government startup of bio-fuels initiative, is going to start managing a separate biomass supply industry. That is currently still getting off of the ground with the help of several of Genera's industry partners.

In closing, this was a very stimulating and entertaining conference. This one sitting provided me with the problem, causes, and solutions of modern energy. I left a more educated, more informed person.

Change is coming to the Hiwassee Campus, and it is coming fast. We are moving forward and starting to catch up with the newest technologies. The only question is- Who among us will join it?

## Saving Grace By: Robert Duncan

**Part 1 of this story appeared in the fall edition of The Tiger's Tale. Todd Harris's first semester of college has been a living nightmare. He has faced an incredible amount of physical, emotional, and mental abuse at the hands of his peers. In an act of desperation, Todd decides to leave behind the people who have tortured him for the past three months. Part 2 begins with Todd's departure.**

He was about to walk off the campus, when he was stopped by someone he really didn't expect.

Mackenzie Grace Talbot stepped out of her jeep.

"Where are you headed off to? Don't you have a class right now?"

Todd stared at the ground. *Why is she bothering me? I really don't feel like talking right now.* He thought of a quick answer. "I'm going home for the weekend. My parents can't come and get me, so I have to walk." He had only seen Mackenzie one or two times, but he had grown to like her.

Mackenzie sighed deeply. "It's Tuesday, Todd."

*What's he up to?* She had grown used to seeing him around campus, and she had heard about the things that had happened to him. She chose her next words carefully. "I could give you a ride if you want. You can't live that far away." She got back in her jeep.

*What do I do?* Todd looked at her. *Why would she do this? I don't even know her.* "No thanks. I'll walk." Todd started to walk around the jeep.

Mackenzie stepped in front of him and grabbed his bag. *He won't have a choice now.* She walked around to the back of her jeep and placed his bag inside. "You can sit up front if you want."

Todd was speechless. He looked down at his now empty hand, and then ran off in the opposite direction. *I've got cash... I can make it for a little while.*

"Todd! Wait!" Mackenzie ran after him. *I've never seen someone run so fast!* She ran out of breath and stopped. She took a breath and stood back up. "I'll find you Todd! You can't do this to yourself!" She took another breath and headed back to her jeep.

Todd had stopped running long enough to hear what she had said. *Why does she care? She doesn't know me.* He thought this over as he ran back towards Mackenzie's jeep. Mackenzie turned around and saw him coming back. *Thank you, God.* She had been in prayer the entire time. Todd walked over to the passenger door and got in.

"Do you want to get something to eat?" He tried to smile, but Mackenzie could see the hurt on his face.

"Sure Todd. What did you have in mind?"

*I have no idea.* "Subway?" *Way to go genius... great decision.*

"Sounds good. I love Subway." She put the jeep in gear and headed down the road.

*They were there, they were together, and that's all that really mattered.*

They sat in that booth and talked for hours, missing all their classes in the process. Todd had had a lot to say, and Mackenzie had listened to every word. Todd had put on a brave face through many of his stories, and she could tell that it was really uncomfortable for him. *This man is really hurting.*

Todd leaned back against the booth. *Wow... I feel great! It hurt at first, but now I feel really light, almost like a weight is gone.* "Thank you for listening to me rant. You didn't have to listen."

Mackenzie shrugged. "What are friends for?" *Thank you, God, for this opportunity.*

A tear fell down Todd's face. *Friend?* That one word was enough to bring him down. As he began to cry, he could feel Mackenzie wrap her arms around him. He could have sworn that he felt her tears fall on to the top of his head. Todd sat up. "Why are you crying?"

Mackenzie wiped her eyes. "It hurts me to see someone that I care about crying."

Todd buried his face in his hands and cried for another hour while Mackenzie held him. Neither cared what the people watching thought. They were there, they were together, and that's all that really mattered.

# The International Interview

By: Sebastian Michalski

## Sebastian from the Black Forest

*Interviewer: So Sebastian, how do you feel being an international visitor in the states, especially in Tennessee?*

Sebastian: Very good, my first year was a little tough, but after a semester you get into the atmosphere of studying and making new friends here. You start to settle down and it's not hard anymore like it was at first.

*Interviewer: What is your impression of the east Tennessee area? How does it differ from other states?*

Sebastian: My impression is east Tennesseans are much different than what I heard from other southern states, like Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. I enjoy the mountain region for hiking and driving on the roads, which lead through a coniferous forest. The history of this area is very different from Texas, which I first visited. While in west Texas, people mainly talk about the new west and a new way of life. While in Tennessee the people think about their heritage and good southern hospitality.

*Interviewer: How is East Tennessee different from Germany?*

Sebastian: Well, I would say the humidity is much higher in warmer seasons of the year, which makes a huge weather difference since Germany is a more temperate region. Germany is more heavily populated than here, with people living much more closely together. While here a town can be spread-out, with one family per acre, people in Germany live mainly in apartments the size of houses.

*Interviewer: What do you miss the most from your home?*

Sebastian: My family and the people I left behind.

## Giovanna from Bavaria

*Interviewer: What is your name and where are you from?*

Giovanna: My name is Manuela Giovanna Donnithorne-Tait, né Hillreiner, and I am from Southern Germany - a region called 'Bavaria'. I was born in Munich (München) and grew up between there and Augsburg.

*Interviewer: How did you hear about Hiwassee College?*

Giovanna: I moved to the U.S. to be with my British husband, whose company had transferred him to Knoxville. When I came here, I did not want to give up horseback riding and started riding at a small stable just down the street where we lived. One of the trainers there told me, "You should really ride with Christy Hart," so I scheduled and took lessons from her throughout the summer and learned in due course about the College.

*Interviewer: What are you going to study?*

Giovanna: Equine Management & Training

*Interviewer: How do you like the College so far?*

Giovanna: I love College - Christy is hands down one of the best teachers in theory and praxis I have ever had and I



Map of Germany, with areas highlighted of those that took part in the interview.

am enjoying greatly learning under her. The student community is great, welcoming, and always has something fun going on, and the general Faculty always has an open ear for you. I love that Hiwassee is such a small campus, that one really has a chance to get to know everyone here. It is like a family.

*Interviewer: What is your impression of the USA and how is it different from Germany?*

Giovanna: There are a lot of differences. The vastest difference I think is culture, food, environmental awareness and of course language. Germans take different things more seriously than Americans do - and we take other things with a dose of humor than Americans do.

*Interviewer: What is the one thing that you miss the most about your home?*

Giovanna: Traveling and history. I lived in Austria - just south of Germany for five years and did the apprenticeship to be a tourist guide for Austria. Austria's and Bavaria's histories are very closely linked and one would not exist without the other. In Europe, one cannot avoid breathing and living history because everything is just so OLD and everything has a story about it - stories sometimes, which reach back to BC times. What I also miss like crazy is the fast way of traveling. In Europe within 3 hours of driving you can easily find 5 different countries, 5 different languages, 5 different cultures.



## Holy Cow! By: Aaron VanLandingham

If you are still reading this after seeing that photo, please stop reading this review and go to Litton's. No feelings will be hurt, I promise. And you will thank Hot Eats for telling you so.

Located on Essay Road in Knoxville, Litton's has been in business since 1946, serving baked goods and, in our opinion, the best burgers this side of Tennessee. Joel Kirk, co-founder of Hot Eats, called ahead to reserve a table for thirteen. Upon entering, we were greeted by staff and, despite how busy they were that evening, they were all smiles, welcoming us warmly.

Then we noticed the massive bakery case, lined with key lime pies, and just about every kind of cake you can imagine. After waiting only a few short moments, we were escorted to our table by the owner, Barry Litton.

Upon sitting down, our waitresses promptly came, took our drink orders, and then our dinner orders; nearly everyone ordered one of these amazing burgers, from the Burger Platter to the Thunder Road. Despite there being thirteen of us, our food came not twenty minutes after we had sat down. In a direct quote from Hiwassee's own, Dr. Robert Allen, "The cows are proud to die for these burgers."

The burgers, as you can see from the photo, are massive, and they taste just as amazing as they are big. Most of the team had bacon on their burgers, and we agree that this was the best bacon we have ever had on a burger; crispy and full of flavor. Something else that elevates these burgers to a whole new standard is the fact that Litton's makes their own burger buns.

A few team members still had the stomach space to have dessert after their meals; one member had the key lime pie and a second ordered a side of strawberry cake. Both team members had their mouths too full and were smiling too contently to give a statement on how their desserts were.

The single issue the team had with Litton's were the fries; a number of us felt that the fries could have been improved with a little seasoning. While I do not disagree with their statements, I feel personally that if you go to Litton's for the fries you were missing the point of going entirely. Students who visit Litton's should be aware that they do not offer a discount to students who present identification, and they should also be aware that Litton's can be pricey.

Hot Eats would like to take this time to thank Litton's for our wonderful dinner, and the amazing service by the staff. We will return to Litton's in the very near future to try out their other menu items in a segment we call "Back for Seconds."

## You Can Do It By: Aaron VanLandingham

Life is often about balance. Between family, friends and work, one must be diligent in finding the time for all three. Sometimes, however, those things have to be prioritized in order for the important things to get done.

Take myself for example. Currently I am taking ten hours of school work, complete with homework, while at the same time working close to thirty hours. All the while, friends and family ask for my attention as well.

Some days I can manage to cram all of this into a single day of hectic, frantic activity. Other days I can only see family and friends come the evening hours. Then there are those days when all I want to do after work and school is collapse into bed and slip off to a quiet corner of oblivion.

To make matters all the more complicated, I volunteered to be a part of the newly formed drama club, the Thespian Tigers. We performed a classic Chekov comedy titled "A Marriage Proposal." Along with my other responsibilities I now had to factor in rehearsals as well as performance dates.

And yet, somehow, I managed to do it all. At the time of this writing, I have since been a manager at my work, my friends and I successfully performed three shows of our play, and I managed to get through all of my classes mostly unscathed.

How this was possible I do not know, but I thank God for it.



The Thunder Road, a burger containing an 8 oz. patty, grilled onions, pimento cheese, and a jalapeno.

## Life After Hiwassee By: Loren Cherry

We are coming to the end of the spring semester of the 2012 school year for the students and faculty of Hiwassee College. For a few of the students it may be time to walk across that stage and get that piece of paper that verifies the hours of work, the sleepless nights, as well as quite a few memories with friends that we will never forget.

For we students who have been through the fires of college it is time to take the next step toward what we want for our lives. As one of these students I am happy to say that the experiences I have had on this campus (or from some insane nights off campus) with the friends I have made here have prepared me for the next step.

Whether you are finishing your Associate degree or your Bachelors it may make you nervous for the next step in your journey. If you are just now getting your Associates then the journey at Hiwassee does not have to be over yet; the Bachelor degrees here can also help set you up for where you want to be in life.

However, if the next step of your journey is elsewhere and you do not know if you are prepared, don't worry. The knowledge you have gained in your time at Hiwassee about school, about people, or even about yourself will still be there after you have left this place; because the truth is, if you have been on this campus and around these people: students, teachers, staff then you have been affected. You cannot leave Hiwassee after a significant amount of time here without a positive influence on you from at least one of these parties.

If it is the end of a four-year campaign at this place that has become a home away from home for many, the next step probably seems a little daunting. A few years here can make it hard to leave this place. It becomes a comfort zone and it becomes hard to think of life away from Hiwassee.

Just think of all the characters you have met over the years. Think of all the emotions you have been through. Think of all you have learned both in and out of the classroom, about life, about what you want, about the people you want to be around, and about what you want the world to be like. All of this has prepared you more than you know, be it for more schooling or the first step towards a career.

We all came here for different reasons and in some cases we have no clue why we stayed, but after our time here, be it short or long we do know one thing. We will never be the same. This campus has and always will be a significant part of our lives. And as for the next step, we are more prepared for it than we realize because we took this step here.

## Hiwassee College Announces 2012 Honors Day Award Recipients

*Blaina Tallent Best received the 2012 Hardwick-Johnston Award, the highest honor Hiwassee College awards students.*



Hiwassee College held its annual Honors Day Award Ceremony on Friday, April 27 in the Butcher Auditorium.

The Hardwick-Johnston Award was presented to Blaina Tallent Best, Tellico Plains, Tennessee. This award is presented annually to the student who ranks highest in achievement, loyalty and scholarship through active involvement in and contribution to the fulfillment of the purposes of Hiwassee College. It is named for the Hardwick and Johnston families from Cleveland, Tennessee.

The Sidney Gilbreath Citizenship Award was presented to Abel Victorino Carrico, Cabo Frio, Brazil. This award is presented each year to a member of the graduating class who displays qualities in leadership, honesty, loyalty, personality and cooperation. It is named for the 6th president of Hiwassee College.

Scholarship winners included:

- Bethany-Raven Annette Allen, Benton, Tennessee  
David C. Henderson Memorial Scholarship
- Victoria Nicole Hoover, Clewiston, Florida  
Jonathan Plummer Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Allen Hall, Maryville, Tennessee  
Leonard and Clyde Smith White Scholarship
- Giovanna Donnithorne-Tait, Knoxville, Tennessee  
Kefauver Scholarship
- Adam Brent Carter, Kingsport, Tennessee  
Kefauver Scholarship
- Dominique L. Stringer, Marietta, Georgia  
Kefauver Scholarship
- Caleb David Gillette, Trenton, Georgia  
Kefauver Scholarship

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## Hiwassee Reinaugurates Tiger Games Tradition

By: Casey Spradlin



Hiwassee College recently hosted the Tiger Games. We hosted Sweetwater, Tellico, and Sequoyah High Schools for a day filled with events and contests for all the seniors.

All three schools competed against each other to see which school would be victorious. There were 5K runs, homerun contest, tug of war, and a scholars bowl along with many more challenges. Sequoyah came away with the winner's trophy, but they will have to defend the trophy against their in-county rivals next year.

All Hiwassee students assisted in some way or another setting up and running the event. We even had a Hiwassee College student perform her very own music for the schools.

There were food, drinks and music provided the whole day. This day of events was very special in a way of showing the students a great time on the Hiwassee campus. It brought together students that are possibly looking into coming to Hiwassee College and meet the people here that make it a wonderful campus.

I know the students here at Hiwassee also enjoyed the day, not only because we were able to get out of classes, but because the students were able to be leaders and mentors in this group effort. I know that everyone had a fantastic time and look forward to having the Tiger Games at Hiwassee for years to come.



## Hiwassee Baseball Makes Tourney Run

By: Casey Spradlin



The Hiwassee Baseball team is more than halfway through with the regular season with only a few more games left and the mid-east regional tournament approaching fast. The team has had a successful season under first year head coach Shane Gardner.

With 13 wins this season and also more games to be played, Hiwassee baseball has surpassed the number of wins this single year compared to the past four years. The team has had a very tough schedule but came out on top in some big games such as beating Chattanooga State which was the Tiger's first win over a national ranked opponent in over a decade.



The Tigers are currently ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation with stolen bases and stolen base percentage. Junior Matt Beard says, "I'm proud to be a part of this organization." "We have had a great year of baseball and I'm looking forward to return next year not only to play baseball but to see this program grow into a championship team."

The team this year was made up of mostly freshman and sophomores with only two juniors and no seniors. As a young team the Tigers have had a good season and look to go far into their regional tournament under the strategic coaching of Shane Gardner.

Coach Gardner was asked about the upcoming tournament expectations and he said, "I told our players first and foremost to go out there play loose, play fast, and have fun, but remember what you are here for. The players were told to go out and know they are better than the player on the other team at their position with the expectation of me going out and out-coaching the coach of the opposing team. With this being said I see us making a good run towards a championship come tournament time."



## Hiwassee Aquatics By: Alli Miller

Hiwassee College opened the pool up for public use in August 2011 and closed in October 2011. That is not the case this year. The pool will be open the first of May and will not close for any reason, except inclement weather until October 1<sup>st</sup>.



As the new Aquatic Supervisor, I am very excited to welcome everyone to come out this summer if you are close by and catch some rays. If you are moving back home and will not return until August, no worries. We shall be open and will welcome you when you return.

Aquatics is something I have a passion for and I am so thankful for being given the opportunity to be able to take this college pool into my hands and mold it. If anyone knows an individual who wishes to participate in swim lessons or anyone who wants to become a certified lifeguard through Red Cross, feel free to contact me.

Here are the dates of the lifeguard class that will be offered first. More will come; check the webpage. There will also be many swim camps that you can sign up for. Even birthday parties can be booked. The pool is a place loved by all, so come out and have some fun in the sun!

**May 19<sup>th</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup> 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(You must attend everyday)**



## Hiwassee Welcomes Coach Debty

By: Casey Spradlin

Hiwassee College has been in search for a soccer coach who would be able to stay around for a while, and it looks as if we have found just the right guy for the job.

We would like to welcome Dustin Debty as he was recently named the new soccer coach of Hiwassee College.

Dustin is a recent graduate of Hiwassee College and comes to us with a real passion for the game. Coach Debty played on the soccer team at Tellico High School all four years he attended. Dustin was also a mid-fielder for the Hiwassee Soccer team and knows what it takes to rebuild the program.

One of the places he spent an abundant amount of time coaching was called FC Alliance Soccer Club, which is one of Knoxville's best known soccer programs. Coach Debty has the experience, the love for the game, and has put forth a very substantial amount of time to get the Hiwassee women and men's soccer teams up and running. He has high hopes of soon being on top again.

When asked about next year's season this is what Coach Debty had to say, "The recruiting is coming along just how I expected it to. It is a new and long process but it is also very fun. I believe I am gaining quite a bit of quality players for both the women's and men's teams one step at a time. Because I do not have six or seven seniors returning, this class will be mostly freshman but that will not stop us from having the best season we can and rebuilding Hiwassee Soccer."

Orlando Sanchez, a sophomore at Hiwassee College, plans on returning next year to be a part of Hiwassee's soccer team. When asked what he expected from next year he said, "I'm looking forward to playing for Hiwassee College as well as for Coach Debty." I just want to be a part of the rebuilding of this team and the competitiveness I believe even as a young team we can bring to our conference.



## Hiwassee College Blood Drive

By: Alli Miller



In March, Hiwassee College held its annual blood drive. It was a wonderful success and I could not be more impressed with the number of students that chose to take part in this giving cause. The Medic Blood drive is one of many ways to give to those in need. It took only 20 minutes out of my time and it was painless.

Giving blood for me is so helpful to Medic because my blood can be used for anyone. But as we all know things go wrong and terrible accidents happen that calls for all different types of blood for transfusions. One single pint of blood can cover you for one whole year, if you were ever in need of blood.

Also if you would like to pay a small fee you can have dependents other than your spouse or children on your blood list. This would allow that particular person to receive as much blood as they needed if for any reason they would be in need of it.

I highly encourage this act of giving. I also received a free t-shirt and was thanked for the time I took out of my day to give blood. I know of many people who are terrified and even have phobias of needles. As for a person with an extreme phobia of snakes, I cannot say that those individuals who are scared of needles should simply "get over it" because I cannot even stand to hear the word "snake."

But, I would like to tell them that it is painless and it helps out so many lives in the United States. So the next time you see a Medic Mobil, be sure to stop by and give something that can help out the lives of others.

## The Tiger Games Math Competition

By: Loren Cherry

During the Tiger Games a few high school students from Tellico, Sequoyah, and Sweetwater were showing prowess in something other than physical activities; those few students were showing how well they could not only work on math but also in a group setting, as well as real world situations and problem solving.

The students started off by showing pure math skills solving difficult problems. Unintimidated by what they had just seen, they charged into the next obstacle which was going out on campus and measuring large objects such as buildings with only rulers and a piece of string. Even those of us who have been through college were impressed by how well they took on this challenge and were able to do it in a time limit.

This was followed by a quick trip inside to see how well the kids could work in a group by quickly disassembling a map into different categories. After that the students went back outside in order to show how pretty math could be by making a large colorful intricate graph which started off plain but slowly was built into beautiful graphs and yet again they did it within a time limit.

All in all the math competition during the Tiger Games was a great showing of what these high school standouts could do not only in real world situations but also under pressure. I as well as any other students who were able to see this agree that there is a bright future for these soon to be adults and maybe it could even begin or make a stop here at Hiwassee, the place that they were able to participate in Hiwassee's Tiger Games.

**Good luck graduates!!**

**Have a great summer!!**

**See you in the fall!!**

**The Tiger's Tale Staff**

